

**JOINT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140  
Conway, South Carolina 29526  
and  
**THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION  
Refer to: P/N # 2007-01187-3IY

December 28, 2009

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**Horry County Solid Waste Authority (Attn: Danny Knight)**  
c/o Joe Floyd  
The Brigman Company  
P. O. Box 1532  
Conway, SC 29528

for a permit to place fill material in jurisdictional wetlands, excavate their adjacent uplands, and place a bridge across

**South Prong of Sterritt Swamp**

at a location described as "Tract A-2 Buist Block Parcel" South of and adjacent to Highway 90, southwest of and adjacent to International Drive, in the Grahamville area, Horry County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.8168: Longitude: -78.9115).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

**NOTICE**

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the **Corps** until

**15 Days from the Date of this Notice,**

and **SCDHEC** will receive written statements regarding the proposed work until

**30 Days from the Date of this Notice**

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of filling 1.39 acres (31,379 cubic yards) of jurisdictional wetlands throughout an 1186.92-acre tract of land owned by the Horry County Solid Waste Authority (HCSWA). HCSWA also proposes to construct a concrete or steel span bridge constructed on pilings to cross the South Prong Sterritt Swamp that will result in the shading of 0.62 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The applicant proposes to satisfy the compensatory mitigation requirements by purchasing 3.5 mitigation credits from Vandross II Mitigation Bank and preserving 40.6

acres of wetlands and 8.6 acres of associated upland buffer onsite. The applicant has stated that avoidance and minimization will be accomplished by a revised road alignment to avoid wetland impacts. The purpose is to construct an all-weather road surface for property access.

Department of the Army permit #(SAC-2000-1X-307) for a construction, demolition, land-clearing, and hurricane debris landfill was issued on 12 February 2002 but never executed.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION  
69A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107.**

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification or the navigable waters permit must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact (1.39) acres of freshwater riverine habitat upstream of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project may effect the Red-cockaded Woodpecker *Picoides borealis*. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties

listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact **T. Brian Hardee** at 843-365-0848.

# IMPACT SUMMARY

## Tract Information

Total Project Area 1186.92 Acres

## Original Wetland Acreage

Jurisdictional Wetlands      ↓   ↓   ↓      470.02 Acres

## Impact Summary

Jurisdictional Wetland Fill      //////////////      1.39 Acres

Jurisdictional Wetland Shading      0.37 Acres

## Onsite Mitigation Summary

Wetland Preservation      //////////////////      49.2 Acres

Upland Buffer      .....      8.6 Acres

TRACT A-2, BUIST BLOCK - TRANSPORTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

HORRY COUNTY

DATE: 8-3-09

DATE REVISED:

APPLICATION NO. SAC-2007-01187-3TY

PROPOSED ACTIVITY: WETLAND FILL

APPLICANT: HORRY COUNTY SOLID  
WASTE AUTHORITY

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# OVERALL PLAN VIEW



TRACT A-2, BUIST BLOCK - TRANSPORTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
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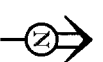
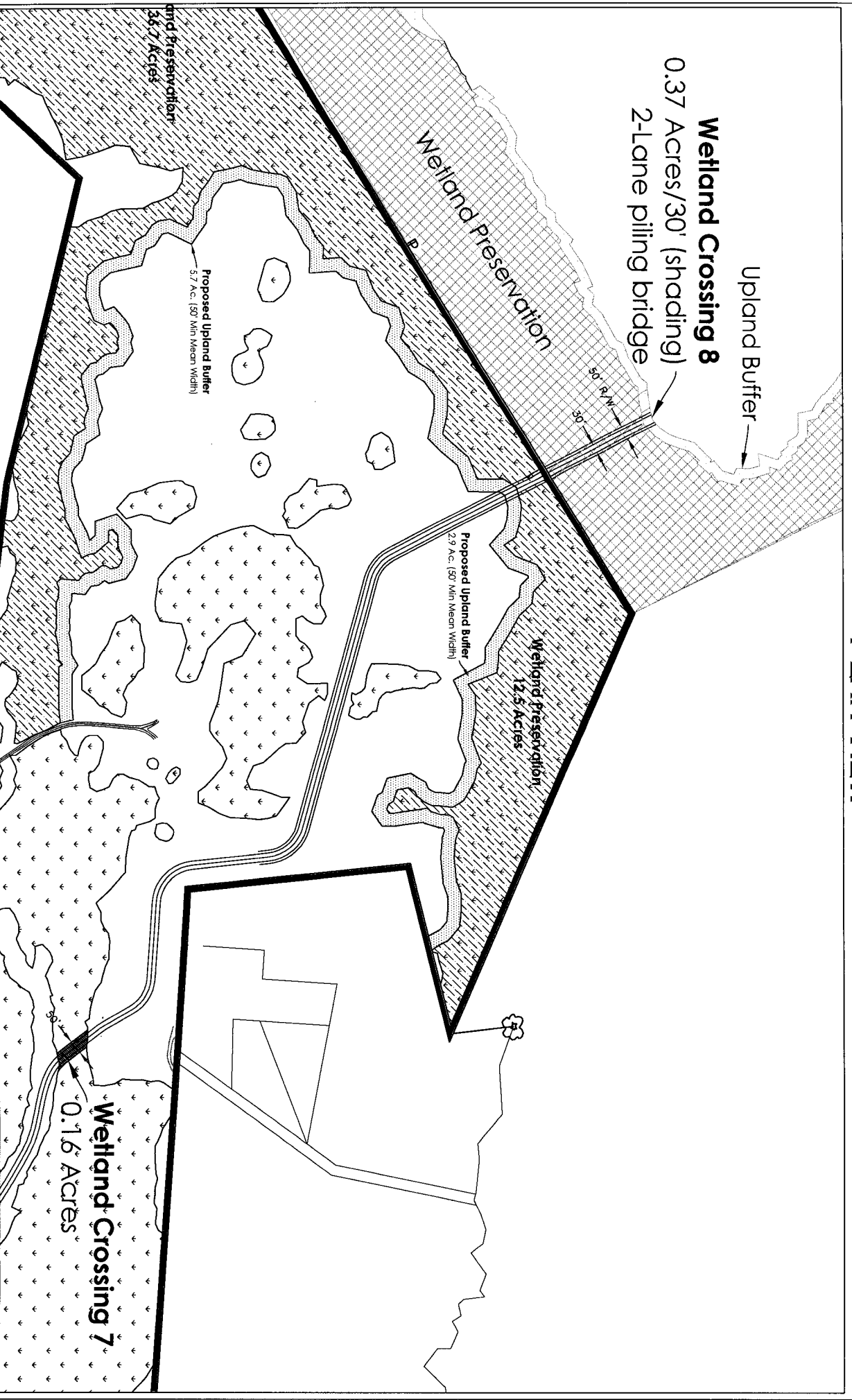


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 APPLICANT: HORRY COUNTY SOLID  
 WASTE AUTHORITY

SCALE IN FEET  
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# PLAN VIEW



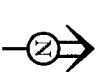
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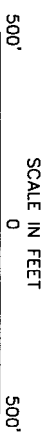
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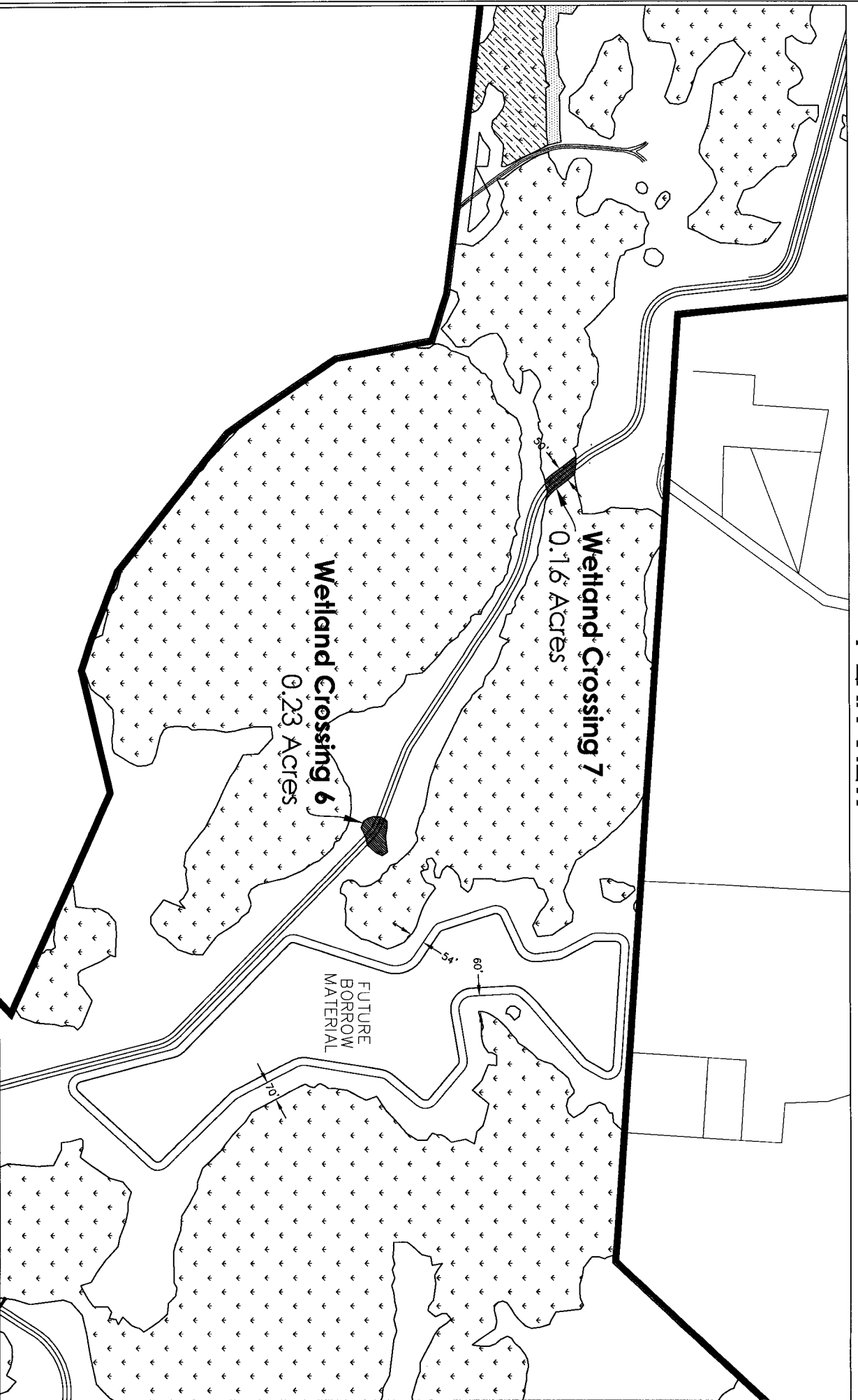
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PROPOSED ACTIVITY: WETLAND FILL  
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WASTE AUTHORITY



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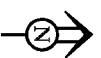
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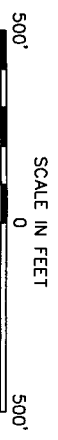
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APPLICANT: HORRY COUNTY SOLID  
WASTE AUTHORITY

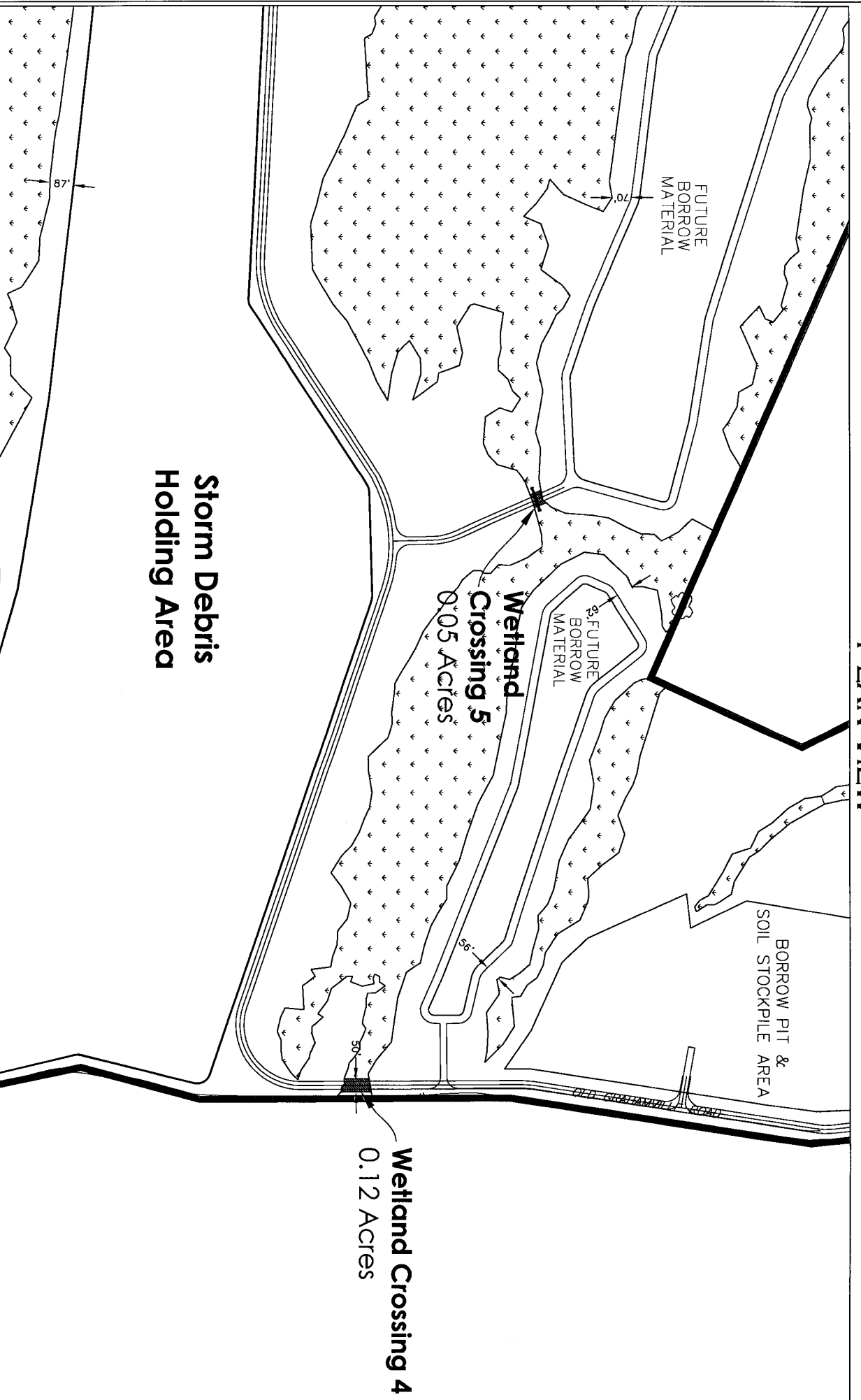


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PLAN VIEW



**Storm Debris  
Holding Area**

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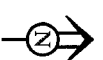
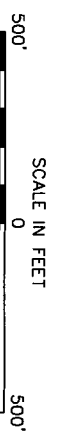


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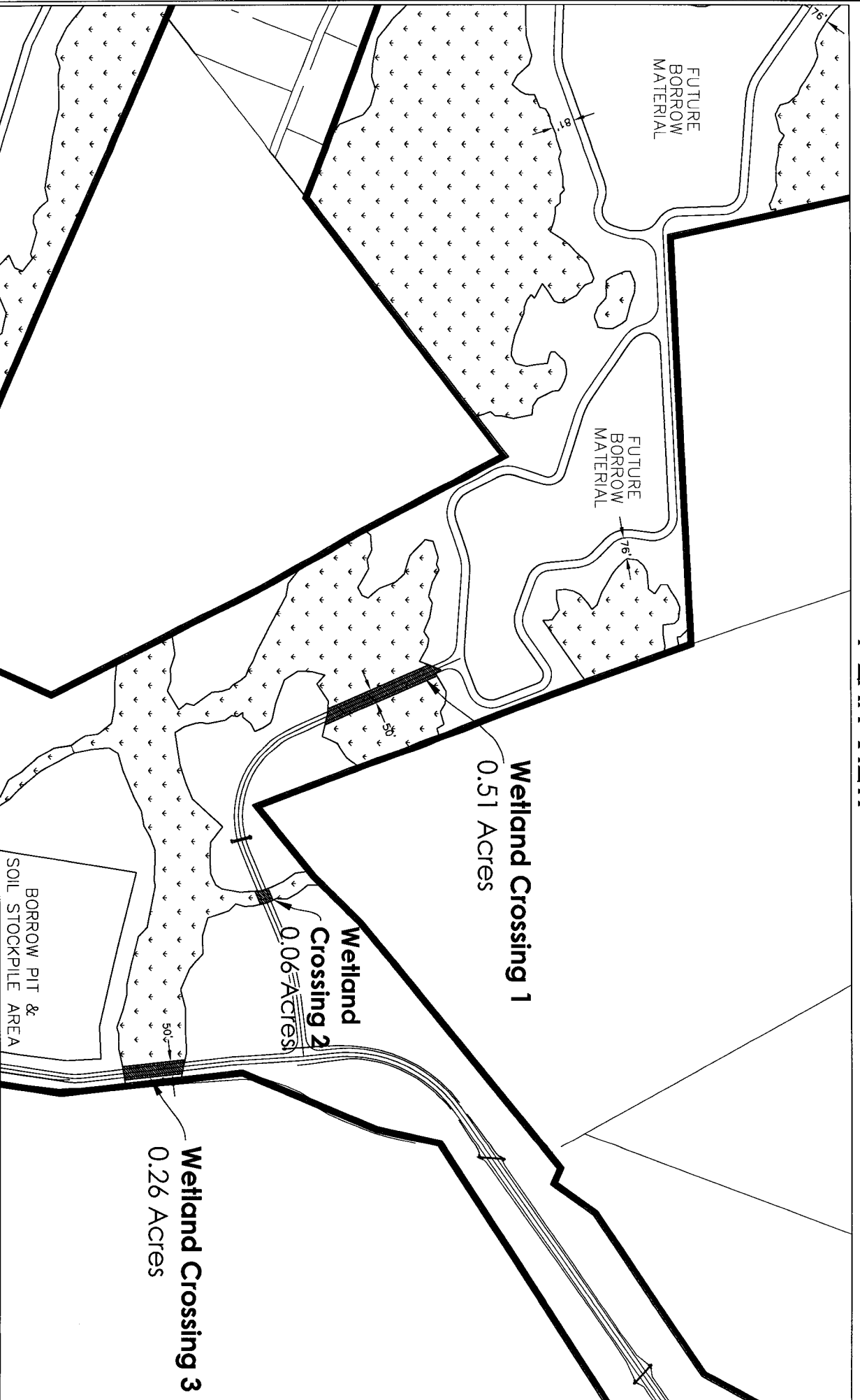
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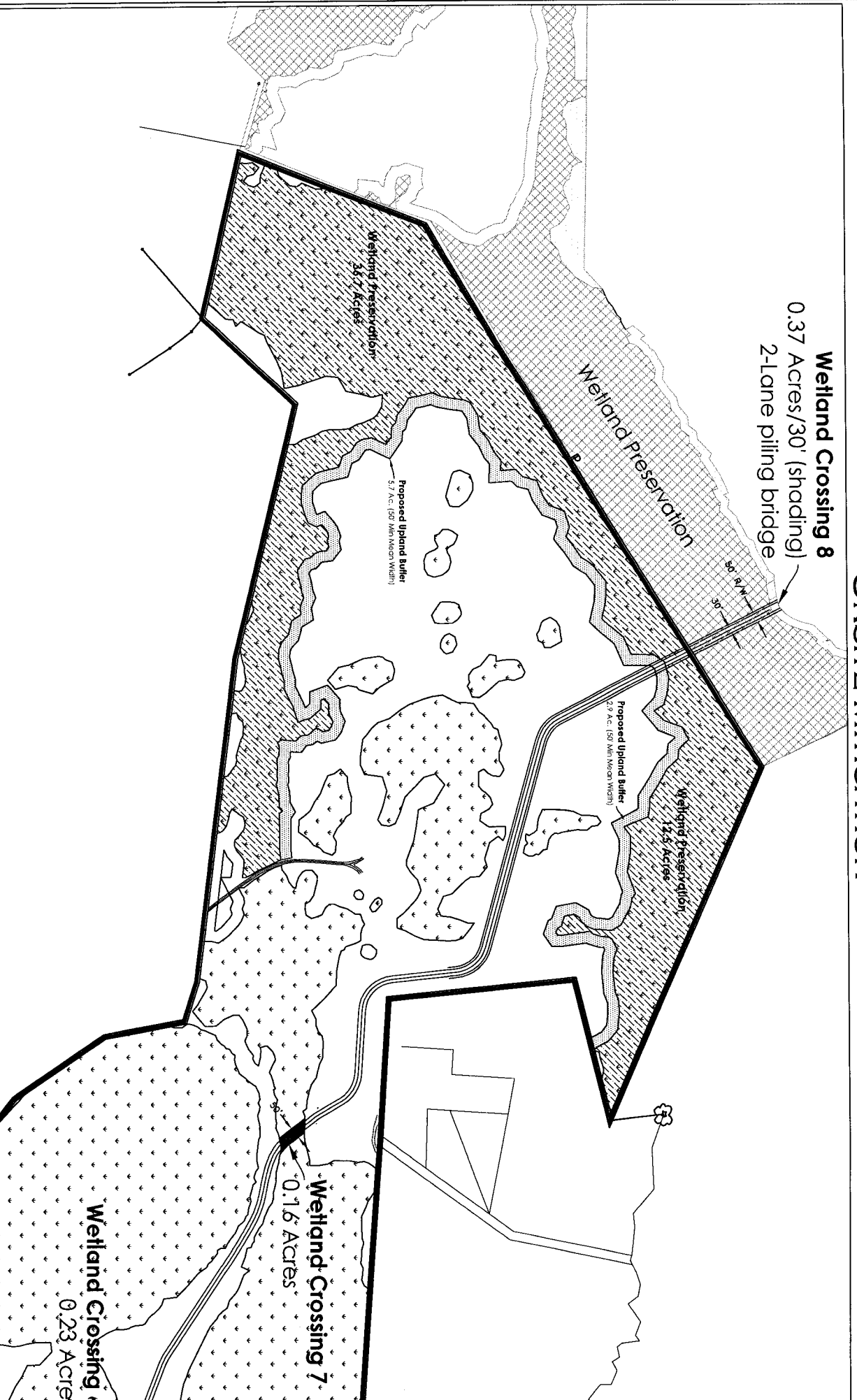
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PROPOSED ACTIVITY: WETLAND FILL  
APPLICANT: HORRY COUNTY SOLID  
WASTE AUTHORITY

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# ONSITE MITIGATION



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FIGURE 9

SCALE IN FEET

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